

**EDISON PLANT
IS DESTROYED;
LOSS \$7,000,000**

Entire Square Block of Modern
Re-Inforced Concrete Prey
to Flames

**3000 EMPLOYEES ARE
THROWN OUT OF WORK**

**Fire Believed to Have Started
From Explosion in Inspection**

Building

By Bulletin OCEANOGRAPHY, Dec. 8.—Fire destroyed virtually the entire main plant of the Edison company here today, but spared the laboratory building, which cost nearly \$7,000,000. The insurance is estimated at approximately \$2,000,000. The main plant, a building of modern reinforced concrete buildings, which were supposed to be fireproof, was completely destroyed. The only building saved in the block was the laboratory building, containing the Edison's office, which was spared by the immediate appearance of the fire. The inventor, Thomas Edison, was not present.

4,000 Out of Work.

It is estimated that about thirty thousand people in the district were temporarily thrown out of work. In all about seven thousand persons were employed in the Edison plant. The storage battery building across the street from the main plant was saved, and the Edison company is confident it will be possible to keep something more than half the force employed. Four thousand people are still working in the

Cause of the Fire. It is thought probable the fire was caused by a short circuit in the incandescent lighting building, one of the smaller structures. This building was quickly consumed by a mass of flames, and the spread of the fire to the other buildings was rapid. The quantities of chemicals in some of the larger buildings made the work of fighting the flames very difficult. The fire was rapidly extinguished, but many were constantly in danger of injury.

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Employees who were at work in the various departments about the plant all escaped, the fire drill bells being sounded and men and women marching out in virtually perfect order.

In all eleven buildings in the main plant went down with the fire. Those buildings destroyed included those occupied by the new Diamond Drill company, the one occupied by the Kinetophone company, and the building used for the No. 10 plant.

FINANCIAL TROUBLE FOR VANCOUVER BANK

Compelled to Withdraw From Clearing House But Continues Business

By Bulletin Leased Wire.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Though the Bank of Vancouver today was compelled to withdraw from the Vancouver clearing house, the bank itself continued in business and experienced no run at all. It was stated by the managing director that although they had dropped out of the clearing house they proposed to continue and believed that they would be able to weather the financial difficulties that just now beset them. Whether or not this optimistic view will be justified by events remains to be seen.

The failure of the Dominion Trust company a few weeks ago was the cause of the withdrawal of the

drawals of accounts from the Bank of Vancouver. It is understood that deposits have been reduced from more than a million and a half to less than half a million all within the past month.

THIRTEEN ARE KILLED WHEN PLATFORM OF MINE CAVE COLLAPSES

By Bulletin Leased Wire.

SMANTON, Penna., Dec. 2.—Thirteen men working underground at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company's diamond colliery here today when the platform of a mine cage into which they were being lowered into mine, collapsed and dropped 200 feet to the bottom of the shaft. A fourteenth man saved himself by clinging to the cage. It was at first believed today's accident was caused by an explosion of dynamite but investigation failed to show any trace of an explosion.

VANCOUVER EX-MAYOR DEAD.
Vancouver, Dec. 2.—James F. Garden, former mayor of Vancouver, and former member of the legislature, died suddenly, of apoplexy this morning, aged 76. He was a native of Woodstock, N.B.

ITALY REQUIRES \$200,000,000.
Rome, Dec. 9.—Signor Cervo, minister of the treasury, in a statement in the chamber of deputies on the financial situation, said the necessity of appropriating \$200,000,000 for military preparations and the diminution of revenue owing to the war had rendered imperative an increase on certain taxes, and the adding of new taxes from which an income of \$20,000,000 yearly was expected.



W. T. HENRY
Candidate for Mayor.



James Ramsey
Candidate for Alderman 1915-16



J. H. PICARD
Candidate for Alderman 1915-16



WM. REA, M.A.
Candidate for Public School Trustee.

N. G. PEARCE
Candidate for
Public School Trustee
Edmonton South



Six years of experience as School Trustee prompts me to ask of every proposition submitted to the Board of Trustees: Is this for the best interest and welfare of our boys and girls? Is it for the increased efficiency of our schools? If these questions can be answered in the affirmative I pledge my support.

I stand for supervised play grounds, an extension of technical training, well paid teachers and a most careful economical business administration.

Votes for better schools.

N. G. PEARCE.



W. C. McArthur
Candidate for Alderman 1915-16



Vote for
J. J. MCKENZIE
for re-election on the Public School Board



ROBERT CROSSLAND
Candidate for
Separate School Trustee
(South Side)

RALPH V. BELLAMY
Candidate for
Public School Trustee

C. Lionel Gibbs
Architect
CANDIDATE FOR
Public School Trustee

BUSINESS MEN NOT WANTED SAYS ADAIR

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told me that he was trying to prevent graft. The only other time I spoke to him was at the beginning of the year, when he said that he did not want my assistance.

R. N. Pyle said that McNamara was asking for election for two years as a vindication of the action with regard to him. The election must be held, however, that the election of McNamara would be an endorsement of the whole administration during the year. The former Mr. Henry was elected in the year of the election for the city.

J. M. McDonald said he was asking for election as alderman for the short term, as he was to give Mr. Henry a good start. If Mr. Henry were elected, they would create all the opposition he possibly could. But had not been consistent in his attitude with regard to economy.

W. C. McArthur said he had had executive, financial and business experience. He could not give all his time to the work, but said the time he did give would be for business and not for lobbying.

S. W. Williamson said he stood for economy, if there was any way in which to get it.

Alain R. Scott spoke for Wm. Rea, candidate for school trustee. He said Mr. Rea was principal of the high school for some years, and had marked educational ability.

Chas. Gowan advocated a change in the charter, so that a commission could get five thousand dollars per year without "laying down to the council." He said he was lobbying and fighting most strongly.

School Trustee Problems.

N. G. Pearce, candidate for school trustee, said there were first many problems on the school board as on the council. The children were the most important of the country's national resources, and the public schools constituted the most important industry.

J. J. McKenzie said he had been a member of the board since 1907, and previous to that was a member of the Edmonton school board for many years. He appealed for reelection.

A. M. McDonald thought the city should adopt a motto and educate people to the habit of doing without, as to help make the railway pay. Mr. McDonald said he was absolutely independent of any party or clique.

T. P. Mayson said the city was at a point when it would either go backward or forward. The electors should be careful to whom they voted for. Candidates should have foresight, integrity and character. There were men in Edmonton who would do it for the city.

C. L. Gibbs, candidate for school trustee, was elected.

McArthur School Meeting.

A. M. McDonald, the first of the related administration ticket to arrive at the McArthur school, said an effort was being made to line him up with "the Tammany" crowd. "He not Godard," said he, "am not going to line up with any party or faction."

G. V. Pollock spoke for James Henry and was severely heckled. Mr. Adair followed and then Mr. Campbell spoke for Mr. McNamara. This resolution made an impassioned appeal for the re-election and vigorously attacked Mr. Henry.

Mr. Campbell made the startling statement that telephones, waterworks and power plant departments all lost money in 1912 and 1913 but were up in 1914. He said that "this city in 1914 has been a moral city compared to 1912 and 1913" and challenged any one to say the contrary.

James East, J. H. Treble and one or two others spoke at a late hour, the meeting closed at midnight when this meeting closed. J. Duncan was chairman.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Bulletin News Service.

The Scotch concert arranged by the P.O.D. was held Wednesday evening and was largely attended.

Last Friday the Ladies Aid of St. Mark's Church held a most successful bazaar in the old rectory, and while it was followed by a supper. Quite a number attended and everything was sold successfully except out.

The death occurred during the past week of two residents of long standing—Mrs. John Holmes of Little Beech street, and J. C. Morrie, who has been farming for some years north of town and respected by all.

A new incumbent will have charge of the Scotch church here. The present pastor, Rev. W. B. Church, who has been here temporarily, is going to the Old Country. A meeting was held on Monday to arrange matters for the incoming of the new minister.

Friday was the annual meeting of the agricultural society. A. B. McArthur was elected president.

Funeral, December 7.

During a well on the lot of R. P. Thompson, situated close to the public school, James Rankin, at the death of about 18 feet, struck a vein of coal which is evidently about five feet in thickness and may extend for some distance.



I am the Candidate opposing Mr. Alderman East for the balance of 1914 term. I want your support and active assistance until 8 P.M. Monday, the 14th.

J. M. MACDONALD.

COAL VERSUS GAS

IF YOU WANT PROOF that natural gas is a failure go to Indiana and see the scores of factories closed down on account of the gas petering out, after millions of dollars have been invested. What advantage would Edmonton have by discarding the steady supply of the best domestic coal on earth and entertain a very doubtful substitute, thereby throwing out of employment hundreds of miners and teamsters?

The laboring man has been a kind of fiddle played upon by demagogues for the past six years, and what has he gained?

A raise in his water rates, in his telephone rate, and raised to 5c straight for a ride in the street cars and now he is asked to vote for cheap gas on the say-so of the same man who has played him for a sucker, and vote himself out of a job.

The Coal Market

On Government Avenue and C.N.R. tracks is meeting all competition, not only for the time being, but indefinitely.

We'll sell coal at market prices and we allow our competitors to set the price

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